



DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Agency Information Collection Activities: Form I-589; Extension of an Existing Information Collection; Comment Request.

ACTION: 60-Day Notice of Information Collection Under Review; Form I-589, Application for Asylum and for Withholding for Removal; OMB Control No. 1615-0067.

The Department Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will be submitting the following information collection request for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection notice is published in the Federal Register to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for sixty days until [Insert date 60 days from date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER].

During this 60 day period, USCIS will be evaluating whether to revise the Form I-589. Should USCIS decide to revise Form I-589 we will advise the public when we publish the 30-day notice in the Federal Register in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. The public will then have 30 days to comment on any revisions to the Form I-589.

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), USCIS, Laura Dawkins, Acting Chief Regulatory Coordinator, Regulatory Coordination Division, Office of Policy and Strategy, Clearance Office, 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20529. Comments may also be submitted to DHS via facsimile to 202-272-0997 or via e-mail at uscisfrcomment@dhs.gov. When submitting comments by e-mail, please make sure to add OMB Control No. 1615-0067 in the subject box. Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the collection of information should address one or more of the following four points:

- (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of this Information Collection:

- (1) **Type of Information Collection:** Extension of an existing information collection.
- (2) **Title of the Form/Collection:** Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal.
- (3) **Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Homeland Security sponsoring the collection:** Form I-589; U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).
- (4) **Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:** Primary: Individuals or households. Form I-589 is necessary to determine whether an alien applying for asylum and/or withholding of removal in the United States is classified as refugee, and is eligible to remain in the United States.
- (5) **An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:** 46,000 responses at 12 hours per response.
- (6) **An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:** 552,000 annual burden hours.

If you need a copy of the information collection instrument, please visit the Web site at:
<http://www.regulations.gov/>.

We may also be contacted at: USCIS, Regulatory Coordination Division, 20
Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20529 Telephone number 202-272-8377.

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